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SUBJECT: COL. DLIMI MEETING WITH DASD NOYES ON SECURITY
ASSISTANCE

REFS: (A) RABAT 1673; (B) STATE 65170

1. IN MEETING WITH DASD NOYES 11 APRIL, COLONEL DLIMI, CHIEF OF MOROCCAN INTELLIGENCE, STRESSED MOROCCO'S URGENT NEED FOR HELICOPTERS TO THWART CLANDESTINE AGGRESSION FOMENTED FROM OUTSIDE. SOVIETS HAD OFFERED HELOS FOR DELIVERY WITHIN 45-60 DAYS, BUT GOM WOULD PREFER CONTINUE TO LOOK TO US FOR SUCH REQUIREMENTS, HE SAID. HE ALLUDED POINTEDLY TO KING'S CHOICE TO ALLOW US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN MOROCCO AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR PUBLIC EVIDENCE OF BENEFIT TO MOROCCO OF THAT CHOICE.

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2. NOYES TOOK BASIC LINE REF B, RECOGNIZING CONTINUING US CONCERN WITH MOROCCO SECURITY, BUT STRESSING INTRACTABLE REALITIES OF CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. HE IDENTIFIED COST AND LEAD TIMES OF HH-43' S AND UH- IH' S AND AGREED TO REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF SPEEDING UP LEAD TIMES.

3. UNCLEAR WHETHER DLIMI UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OR SIMPLY EXPLOITING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY ON HIS OWN; ALSO WHETHER GOM WOULD PLAN TO PAY CASH OR REQUEST FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE. SINCE FONMIN BENHIMA HAS MADE SIMILAR REQUEST, HOWEVER, WE WILL EXAMINE AND WILL BE PREPARED CONSIDER USE FMS CREDIT, IF DESIRED, WITHIN LIMITATIONS SET FORTH BELOW.

4. AS GOM AWARE AVAILABLE CREDIT THROUGH FY 72 NOT ADEQUATE FOR PURCHASES ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR INCLUDING C-130 S (DOLS 29,244 MILLION) AND BEECH AIRCRAFT (DOLS 4.2 MILLION INCLUDING SPARES). TEN MILLION MENTIONED TO BENHIMA (FYI ACTUALLY ABOUT DOLS 9.8 END FYI) WOULD COVER MOST OF SHORTFALL. HOWEVER, C-130 SPARES, TRAINING ETC., CONTRACT IS YET TO BE SIGNED AND WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOLS 5.33 MILLION. POINT IS THAT GOM CREDITS THROUGH FY 73 WILL NOT QUITE COVER PRESENT COMMITMENTS. WHILE ADDITIONAL CREDIT PLANNED IN FY 74, PART OF THIS WOULD BE USED FOR C-130 SPARES AND TRAINING AS WELL AS REMAINING PAYMENTS ON C-130 BASIC CONTRACT. THUS, GOM MIGHT BE OBLIGED TO PAY CASH FOR AT LEAST PORTION OF ANY HELICOPTER TRANSACTION. ROGERS

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